

# The Epistle of 2 Peter

- ▶ Author – Simon Peter
- ▶ Date – unknown, but 1:14. Peter's death reputed to be 68 AD
- ▶ Where – not identified
- ▶ To whom – “to those who have obtained like precious faith with us...”
- ▶ Two big issues in that day
  - ▶ Gnosticism
  - ▶ Antinomianism

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- ▶ Theme – spiritual growth to make our calling and election sure
  - ▶ Keywords
    - ▶ Knowledge, known, knoweth, know – 15x
    - ▶ Promises – 5x
    - ▶ Remind/remembrance – 4x
    - ▶ Forget/forgotten – 2x
- ▶ Purpose – put believers in remembrance of truth so that they can guard against false teaching and grow as they should

## 1:1-2 Salutation

“Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ”

- ▶ Simon Peter identifies himself as two things:
  - ▶ Bondservant
  - ▶ Apostle of Jesus Christ
- ▶ Christians are people who have...
  - ▶ “obtained like precious faith with us”
- ▶ That faith has been obtained by...
  - ▶ “the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ”
- ▶ Grace and peace through or by what means?
  - ▶ “the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord”

### 1:3-4 What has been granted by Christ's divine power

“as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

- ▶ His divine power has give to us all things that pertain to what?
  - ▶ “life and godliness”
- ▶ Through what means have these things been granted?
  - ▶ “through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue”
- ▶ What else has been given?
  - ▶ “exceedingly great and precious promises”
  - ▶ What do these allow us to do?
    - ▶ “be partakers of the divine nature”
    - ▶ This is dependent on us having done what?
      - ▶ “escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust”